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Registration No. 43,874

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C § 120**

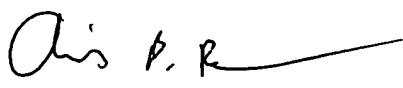
Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for 35 U.S.C. § 120. The present application is a continuation of PCT application 9/03363, filed June 24, 1999. The specification was amended to reflect this (see the Preliminary Amendment), and priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 was example, in the filed Declaration. However, the Notice of Allowability, item 4, is a claim for foreign priority under "35 U.S.C. § 119(a) – (d) or (f)", and states,

"Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))".

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment that the 35 U.S.C. § 120 claim has been made and perfected. If outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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